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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application) PATENT APPLICATION
Inventor(s): John H. LeBourgeois) Art Unit: 2767
SC/Serial No.: 08/954,245) Examiner: K. Solomon
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the Office Action dated January 27, 1999, a shortened period for response was set to expire on April 27, 1999.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for an extension of time for responding to the Office Action up to and including July 27, 1999.

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The amount of the petition fee set by 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is determined as follows:

| <u>Fee (Large Entity/Small Entity)</u> | <u>Extended Month</u> |
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| _____ \$110.00/\$55.00 | First |
| _____ \$380.00/\$190.00 | Second |
| <u>✓</u> \$870.00/\$435.00 | Third |
| _____ \$1,360.00/\$680.00 | Fourth |
| _____ \$1,850.00/\$925.00 | Fifth |

TOTAL PETITION FEE \$ 435.00

The TOTAL PETITION FEE is included with the payment of other papers filed together with this petition.

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The other papers enclosed or associated with this communication include:

- _____ A reply to the Office action was previously filed on _____.
- _____ A reply to the Office action is filed herewith.
- _____ A reply will be filed subsequently.
- _____ A continuation application is filed herewith.
- _____ A divisional application is filed herewith.
- _____ A continuation-in-part application is filed herewith.
- ✓ A continued prosecution application is filed herewith.
- ✓ "Small Entity" status for this application has been established by a statement previously filed.

_____ "Small Entity" status for this application is being established by a statement submitted herewith.

_____ Other: _____

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 7/27/99

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